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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: [ ] Legislation Division  
Office of Congressional Affairs

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SUBJECT: Briefing of Steve Ryan by Inspector General

1. On 9 February 1987, Carroll Hauver, Inspector General, and [ ] Deputy Inspector General, met with Steve Ryan, staff counsel for the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and myself to discuss the workings of the Office of Inspector General vis-a-vis a statutory inspector general.

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2. Mr. Hauver explained the various functions of the office, detailing the duties of the audit staff, the inspection staff and the special investigations group. Mr. Ryan was especially interested in the fact that even the most sensitive activities are subject to audit. He also said that it is important for the inspector general to have access to the head of the agency in which it sits, and Mr. Hauver explained how he has direct access to the Director. Mr. Hauver also noted how he considers a merger of audit and inspection functions a mistake because one of those areas would suffer. Mr. Ryan asked whether the General Accounting Office has a mandate here, to which Mr. Hauver explained that these matters are not generally referred to his office. He considers that there is sufficient oversight from the two oversight committees, the IOB and the PFIAB. He believes his auditors are as good as GAO auditors.

3. Mr. Ryan explained that he wants the IG or his designee to testify before the committee on 19 February 1987. Senator Glenn, who chairs the committee, is to initiate legislation to extend a statutory IG to various agencies, albeit not CIA. He wanted the Agency representative to speak for about one-half hour in an open hearing regarding the IG's functions. Subsequent hearings would consist of testimony from agencies without statutory IGs, but which would become subject to them as a result of Senator Glenn's proposed legislation.

4. On 11 February 1987, Mr. Ryan telephoned me and asked what our position was with respect to what could be said during open hearings. I informed him that I did not think a decision had been made with respect to whether there would be any Agency participation in hearings and told him I would call him back with this information. [ ] Deputy Director for Legislation, said that it was decided that the IG would brief members and/or staffers, but that he would not testify before the committee because of the longstanding policy that top officials do not testify in open hearings. I relayed this information to Mr. Ryan, who said he understood our position but thinks it is unfortunate. He then asked whether we could respond to written questions by next week, to which I answered yes. I then informed Mr. Hauver that we would not have to testify, but would be responding to questions instead and that I would forward the questions to him when I receive them.

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